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LOCAL SELF GOVT'd BRANCH

From

ANANDA RAO SIRSI, ESQ., B.A., LL.B.,
President, Municipal Council,
BANGALORE CITY.

To

A. V. Ramanathan, Esq., B.A.,
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Revenue Department, (In charge), Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to Government Order No.R.9418-37/M1.180--20-2 dated 24th February 1921, regarding the holding of a Local Board and Municipal Conference by the Bangalore City Municipal Council, I have the honor to forward herewith for the information of Government a copy of the resolution of the City Municipal Council at the Meeting held on the 15th instant to the effect that arrangements may be made to hold a Conference in Bangalore as early as possible.

2. The matter will be further considered and a specific reference making definite recommendations will be made in due cours

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I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

President.

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SUBJECT No. 66.

A Commission to reorganise Local Boards and Village Panchayets.

Mr. K. Venkatasamaiya, Mysore District Board; K. V. Narayana Rao, Nanjangud Municipality, E. Krishnappa & Bandaiya, Nanjangud Taluk.

Mr. K. Venkatasamaiya.—The working of the Local Boards and Panchayets is not satisfactory. In some places members of the Local Boards and Panchayets do not seem to be responsible for the affairs and consequently the receipts are wasted on unnecessary things. If there is an income of about Rs. 200 in a certain village a panchayet is formed, and if any receipts accrue it will be utilised for paying the scavenger.

Second Member of Council.—It is meant for this purpose. You must make use of it for better purposes and improvements.

Mr. K. Venkatasamaiya.—As Vice-President I have urged this ~~to no~~ purpose. My idea is that instead of such panchayets let there be panchayets only in big places.

Second Member of Council.—Taluk Boards must do this.

Mr. K. Venkatasamaiya.—I want an officer to go and do this—an officer of the rank of an Assistant Commissioner. In the alternative let a Commission be appointed to go into the question and ~~make alternative~~ report.

Second Member of Council.—It would be too costly. District Boards ought to look into this. The President and Vice-President should go and see. They get T. A. One Provincial officer cannot do it. It means establishment. The income will be eaten away.

Mr. K. Venkatasamaiya.—It will be only nominal otherwise.

Second Member of Council.—The remedy is in your own hands.

Mr. K. Venkatasamaiya.—Yes. We cannot do it; though we do not want Government interference. I want a Committee or a Conference. My idea is not to centralize, but to improve the working of the system.

Second Member of Council.—Local Self-Government scheme has three parts, (1) District Board, (2) Taluk Board, and (3) Village Panchayets. Is it the last that is unsatisfactory?

Mr. K. Venkatasamaiya.—There are defects in all the three.

Second Member of Council.—We know it. There are two ways of remedying. Either Government should interfere or you yourself should do it.

Mr. K. Venkatasamaiya.—Even the Taluk Boards do not know definitely what their functions are, and how far they can exercise their power.

Second Member of Council.—Taluk Conferences may be held where the question of improving the existing Taluk Boards may be discussed in detail and resolutions sent up to Government for orders. This would be a better course than the appointment of a Commission.

Mr. Usman Khan.—The question of the formation of Village Panchayets was discussed in this Assembly about eight years ago when it was decided that Village Panchayets should be formed. Amildars, Assistant Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners are on the Boards; but they hardly do any work. The brunt of the work generally falls on the Vice-President who is a non-official; but when the question of giving promotion or when a transfer is to be made, permission will have to be sought from the Deputy Commissioner. During *jamabandi* and other collection work, the non-official members of the various boards will have to assist the official members and see to the proper collection work. This distinction is hardly fair. Now there is a sum of Rs. 63,000 in the Bangalore District in arrears and this sum the non-officials will have to collect. Let a statement be called for now as to how many *jamabandis* have been held, and what amount they have collected. Our request is that the Government should give the non-officials some more power and not keep them as nominal Vice-Presidents. If this is done, there will be no necessity for the appointment of a Commission for this purpose. Further, the Government should, as far as possible, prohibit the interference of the Revenue officers.

Dewan.—The matter will be enquired into.

Mr. H. Krishna Sastri.—Before Village Panchayets were formed there were small Unions where some of the village disputes were settled. Village Panchayets have been formed for about eight years. The proceedings of the Taluk Conferences should be generally reviewed by

the Government in a Government Order pointing out the defects and suggesting measures as to how to effect improvements. Otherwise the Conferences would serve no useful purpose. The Village Panchayets should know before they are formed as to how they stand with regard to their financial stability, and how far they can exercise their powers. The Government have ordered that half the powers are vested in the Village Panchayets, and the other half in the Government, but, at the same time, the Government have not given any powers to them over their finances which is rather an anomaly. The District and Taluk Boards have control over the Panchayets. Since the Panchayets have no control over their finances, it would not be possible to understand what amount of work has been done by them. Full responsibility is given to the Panchayets all over the world, and it is only fair to do so according to the Local Self-Government scheme. The same responsibility should also be extended to our Panchayets. Otherwise the principle of Local Self-Government would be null and void. If this is done, there is no necessity to appoint a Commission.

Second Member of Council.—The whole question will be examined. It is very difficult. Your demands about grant of powers are difficult to decide. Proper hands are not available, and the Deputy Commissioner having several Departments in his charge will somehow manage. About funds and their disposal, there are difficulties. We will examine the question.

Dewan.—The question of the financial powers of the Taluk Boards, the powers of Panchayets and the relationship between the two bodies, and the provincialisation of these Taluk Board services will be examined in detail and a comprehensive order will be issued.

Messrs. Krishna Sastri and Srinivasa Rao.—Please order investment of funds at once. We cannot give out the reason here.

Dewan.—We will consider the whole question.

Issue for orders and instructions

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In what stage is the question of Local Boards Conference? I believe the proposal to merge Municipal Council & District Board (Council Secretariat) pursued & certain the Conference held

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Proposals regarding the holding of a conference have been taken for from the President of the Bangalore City Municipal Council and they have not yet been received. Please see file pro. no. below

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Replies from Bangalore Municipal Council may be awaited.

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PROCEEDINGS OF AN ADJOURNED ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, BANGALORE, HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, ON MONDAY THE 15th MAY 1922, AT 7-30 A. M.

PRESENT.

1. Ananda Rao Sirsi, Esq., B.A., LL.B., (President).

2. B. Abdur Rahmon, Esq., B.A., (Honorary Vice-President).

COUNCILLORS.

1.C.V.Narasimha Iyengar, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
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3.M. Ramachandra Rao Scindia, Esq.,
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10.P. Murugesam Pillay, Esq.,

11.S.Venkataranga Iyengar, Esq.,

ABSENT.

1.B.Chinnaswami Chetty, Esq.,
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3.B.N.Garudachar, Esq.,
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12.P.Subbarama Chetty, Esq., (LL.B
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14.M. Abbas Khan, Esq.,

15.J.L.Narasinga Rao, Esq.,

Vacant Two.

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16. Letter dated 16th March 1922, from Mr.R.Gopalaswami Iyer, Municipal Councillor, forwarding a programme for holding the Local Board and Municipal Conference in Bangalore together with the opinion of the Managing Committee thereon.

Resolution:-Mr.R.Gopalaswami Iyer proposed that the Bangalore City Municipal Council do arrange to hold a Conference in Bangalore as early as possible.

Mr.C.Hayavadana Rao seconded it. Carried.

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Sd/-. Ananda Rao Sirsi,
President.

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President.

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Date of issue 28-6-22

Signed by Mr. D. C. S.

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No. L-7614

To

The President,

Bangalore city Munl

Council.

Sir,

With ref to your letter dd 26th & the 20th May 1922 in the matter of holding a Local Board and Munl Conference by the Bangalore ~~city Munl Council~~ CB, I am directed to request you to be so good as to ~~furnish~~ expedite submit ~~the~~ proposals in the matter ~~of the~~ over. ~~Govt Order~~

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Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

G. O. No. L. 5395-5457—Ml. 162-22-1, dated 27th January 1923.

Local Self-Government Conference.

Directs the ~~working~~ holding of a —— in Bangalore in March 1923.

ORDER No. L. 5395-5457—Ml. 162-22-1, DATED 27TH JANUARY 1923.

Five years have elapsed since the Local Self-Government Scheme came into operation and a very important change has been introduced into the functions of the Local Bodies by tacking on Economic work to them and under the Reforms Scheme further powers to deal with local subjects which are now brought before the Representative Assembly are proposed to be given to them. The question of co-ordinating and improving the working of Municipal Councils and Local Boards and of improving their finances and placing them on a satisfactory footing and other questions of vital importance to the Local Bodies have to be tackled with in the immediate future.

2. It was at first suggested that the Local Bodies should take the initiative in the matter and convene a Conference to discuss the various questions affecting the progress and development of Local Self-Government and to hold a thorough examination of the Local Self-Goverment Scheme. The Bangalore City Municipal Council passed a resolution agreeing to hold a Conference, but they have not as yet taken any definite action in the matter.

3. Government consider that the work of examining the Local Self-Government Scheme and formulating proposals in keeping with the proposed Constitutional Reforms should be expedited and that orders should be passed before the Constitutional Reforms are introduced into the State. They are accordingly pleased to direct that to go into all questions connected with the develpoment of Local Self-Government in the State, a Conference be summoned by Government to meet in Bangalore in the 2nd or 3rd week of March 1923, and to be presided over by the Second Member of Council. The Presidents of the City and Town Municipal Councils, Non-official Presidents of District Boards and Non-official Vice-Presidents of Taluk Boards, the Deputy Commissioners, some selected Heads of Departments and a few other non-official gentlemen will be invited to attend the Conference.

T. E. JEYARAMA AIYAR,
Secy. to Govt., Rev. Department.

To—The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
The Presidents of Bangalore and Hassan District Boards, through the Deputy Commissioners.
The Presidents of other District Boards.
The Presidents of the Bangalore and Mysore City Municipal Councils.
The President of the Kolar Gold Fields Sanitary Board.
The Heads of Departments.

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